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Ms. Cynthia King
Assistant Regional Counsel
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Re: Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill

Dear Ms. King:

Kurt Lindland has informed me that you have succeeded him as the Assistant Regional Counsel on this file. While I have tried calling you to introduce myself, your busy schedule has prevented a direct introduction, so I thought I would send you this letter. I am common counsel for Cooper Industries and Corning, Inc. with regard to this matter. Like you, I am relatively new to the file. had been retained by the companies several months ago and only had several conversations and meetings with Kurt and Frank Biros about this site.

As you now know, the City of Albion has sued my clients as part of its defense to the action brought by the United States. This obviously complicates implementation of the Unilateral Administrative Order, since my clients will now have to vigorously defend that litigation and protect their rights. I am certain that once you have "settled-in" to deal with this file, we will have an opportunity to speak at some length about this matter. I look forward to that opportunity. Please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely.

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cc: Cooper Industries

Corning, Inc.

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